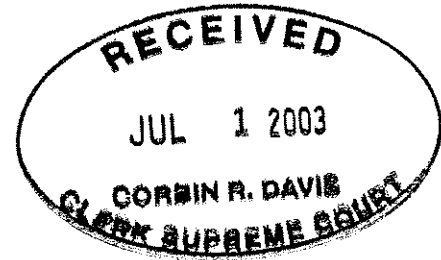


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Michigan Supreme Courts

RE: Child Support Guideline Changes

I believe changes should be made with the percentages used to calculate child support.

First of all women want equal rights so it should be split 50/50. In normal cases child support expenses should be broken down to include meals per day, clothes, and other expenditures, just because a divorce takes place the children also need to understand things aren't going to be the same the same amount of money is now not available. What they were once accustomed to might not be now as accessible or even affordable, the mother needs to explain and maybe herself learn to shop at discount stores, not go out to eat everyday of the week, but make it 1 special dinner a day a week, they can't expect to have their cake and eat it too. For example a cost breakdown might consist of

\$2.00 for Breakfast

\$2.50 for Lunch

\$3.50 for Dinner

\$8.00 Per day for necessary food

\$2.00 Per day for clothes and necessities which comes out to \$730.00 per year

\$10.00 per day per kid times 7 days a week is \$70.00 per child per week, split this in half for each parent \$35.00 per each parent to contribute.

Both spouses need a place to live and a place for the children after a divorce, but why is a husband expected to furnish the house for the ex and then try to establish a house suitable for the kids to visit. If the custody is 50% the dad is expected to pay the same amount of support even in the summer when he has the children for an additional amount of time but yet no reduction is given. After a spouse is divorced and possible remarries, has a job she or he now has 3 incomes to support the children, while still the ex only has 1 job and is trying to support 2 households, people shouldn't be punished or penalized because they weren't able to make a marriage work, sometimes it is better for the kids to divorce, especially when physical abuse is present in the home.

Hopefully something will be changed to help the fathers be able to spend more time with their children and not have to pay thru the nose for many unnecessary expenditures.

Thank you for your time regarding this matter.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John Rugenstein". The signature is fluid and elegant, with a prominent initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

John Rugenstein